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"Let us have faith that right  
makes might and in that faith  
let us dare to do our duty as  
we understand it."

## ANVIL CHORUS

"The difficult Thing May  
Be Done Right Away. The  
Impossible Takes a Little  
Longer."

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# ROYAL PALMS UNUSUAL SETTING FOR DANCE

## SOME "PERSONALS" FROM PERSONNEL

S. C. Miller—Personnel Director



It was my painful duty last week to discharge an old employee for gambling on company property and on the company's time. In spite of the fact that the employee had been repeatedly warned, he continued to fall back into his old

practices.

It is too bad that as much as we need able-bodied employees today that some people still hold their own pleasures more dear than the good of their country, because we are all soldiers of production here at Plomb even as the men on the fighting line.

Those of you who read the Rumor Board will notice that there is some discomfort voiced on the part of certain employees who were wearing political buttons in the plant. The rumor had it that the management is "thumbs down" on anyone wearing a Roosevelt button.

Our reply to that rumor is, as you can see on the board, that every person in this plant may wear any political button he chooses. Whether you vote for Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Dewey in the coming election is not going to cause the management to think any more or any less of you. No one sees your ballot after it is marked, but if you wish to support your candidate before the election by wearing his button, that is your business, just so long as you don't take up Company time in political discussions.

That is America. We still have a free country, and members of this organization are not forced to pay tribute to elect either party. We are not interested in your buttons. We simply urge you to vote.

## Next Saturday, Oct. 21st Is The Big Night

Teased by the snappy photograph of the dance band published in last week's issue of Anvil Chorus many inquiries are being received about this big social event — the first of the Fall season.

A lift has been given to the evening's enjoyment through the volunteer assistance of **FLORENCE GALLAGHER** (Barnes Drill operator) who wowed the crowd at the Plomb picnic with her impersonation of Sophie Tucker and her singing of "Some of These Days". She will sing several popular numbers in her inimitable style.

Among the special attractions will be the singing of handsome **KENNETH BROWN**, formerly employed at Plomb (Assembly Department) before going into Uncle Sam's Navy. Kenneth was on a sub chaser in the North Pacific when they almost ran down a Jap undersea boat and opened fire with a deck gun. The sub answered the attack with shrapnel shells and Kenneth was wounded but continued to man his gun. The sub was finally sunk. He has been singing at Navy Shows since he received his discharge and returned to Plomb.

**JANE WINTERLY**, whose picture appears in the adjoining column, is the charming vocalist with Carl Wax's 10-piece orchestra — and what an orchestra.

Tickets are now on sale at \$1.00 per couple — a bargain if ever there was one. It's a real \$2.00 show for half price. Tickets may be had from members of the board of directors of the Employees Association who are:

**KURT APEL**, President; **LARRY MAHER**, Vice President; **ELEANOR THOMPSON**, Secretary and **DAIN STURGES**, Treasurer. **MILDRED UNDERHILL**, **JOHN CROSS**, **BOB DEVILLE**, **LIONEL MURRAY**, **NORMAN ROBB**, **GORDON WILKINSON**, **ELAINE KIMBER**, **MILDRED MOUNTAIN**, **EARL**



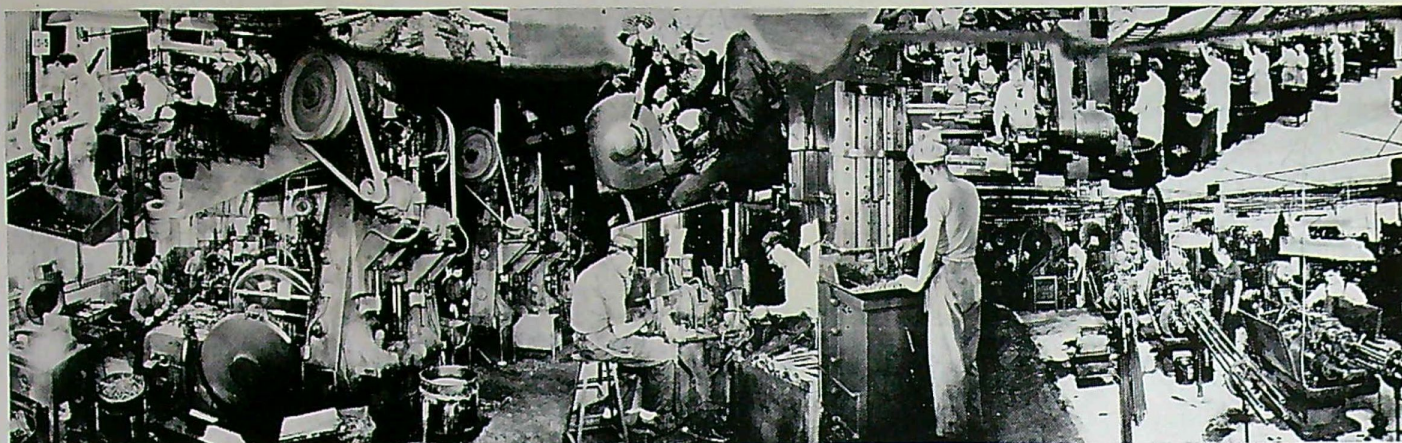
JANE WINTERLY

**GRIM**, **FRANK TRAPP**, and from **DICK WALTER**, Business Manager.

**ROYAL PALMS HOTEL**, where the dance will be staged next Saturday night, October 21, beginning at 9 P.M., is at 320 Westlake Avenue (one block east of Alvarado). The New Tropic Room has been recently re-decorated and is an attraction in itself. A large parking lot adjoins the hotel for the use of guests. Come and bring your friends. A good time is guaranteed.







# PEOPLE IN THE PLOMB PARADE

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## COMING EVENTS

### FASCINATING STORY OF STEEL MANUFACTURE

A group of three extremely interesting colored films will be shown at the Conference Room on Thursday, October 19, 1944.

**MICRO TIMING:**—This picture shows the effect of cutting on the cutting tool. You see in slow motion what actually happens when a piece of steel is cut.

**STEEL FOR THE AGES:**—Here you see the whole process of the manufacture of steel. The pictures, taken at the Allegheny steel Corporation, show the electric furnaces, rolling of sheets, bars, and tubes, and other interesting facts about steel.

**A POSTER COMES TO LIFE:**—This picture shows the origin of the poster all of us have seen on National billboards of the soldier, sailor and welder.

Showings will be made to **swing** shift employees at 4:15 P.M., and to **day** shift employees at 5:15 P.M. Showings will take approximately forty minutes.

## MACHINE SHOP SHAVINGS

The World Series has come and gone, and the man voted least likely to succeed by many of the boys is **NELSON POTTER** of the late St. Louis Browns. Potter, the "Spit-ball King" spit right in the eye of numerous gullible fans who had "invested" in his team. Well, maybe next year the Yanks will be in there.

A much needed improvement has been completed in the Turret Lathe Department. A traveling hoist has been installed over the large 9-7 lathe, which is operated by **RUBE BLOOM** and **G. DECK**. No more grunting and groaning by half of the department in order to load the heavy bars into this machine. The "Iron Man" is already trying to puzzle out a way to charge two hours' loading time against the hoist.

The Automatic and Turret Lathe Department greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of **BILL SCHOLLE**, who installed a scoreboard over his desk, and kept the boys posted on the progress of the last "series" game. Who was the wretch who almost gave **FRANK PILAND** heart failure by inserting four runs for the Browns in the first of the seventh inning?

**JUDSON EVERMAN** is inspecting automatic work this week, while **WARREN KREKLER** is on vacation.

**JACK VEEBURG**, "the Broaching Wizard", is all smiles now. It seems that he finally has obtained a full size locker.

**FRANK TRAPP** is the new set-up man in the Milling Department, and feminine hearts flutter a little faster when Frank changes a cutter.

**JOHN NIX** and **NETTIE GUMP** are new employees in the shop.

Wanted: One shirt, in any condition, to replace one just lost.—See **DEMPSEY LATHAM**.

**BOB** and **DOROTHEA BREMER** are the proud parents of a son, born Thursday afternoon at the Good Samaritan Hospital. The baby weighed 9½ lbs. and has been named William Henry.

ANONYMOUS.

## DISTRIBUTION SERVICE

Don Proul—Manager

"Most popular spot in Town"—Sam's Cigarette Machine! Here you will continually find such celebs as **FREEMAN KIRWIN**, **CHARLIE GALBREATH**, **JO FINNIE**, entire Production Control staff, and all other Plomb Tool 'populars' . . .

New member of the Inventory Department, is **MILDRED BERNHARDT**, sis of **WINONA**, of the Billing Dept. Millie's an asset without a doubt and we're glad to have her around. A "sharp chick," she digs such spots as the Plantation (Central Ave.) where the "Fatha" Earl Hines is currently "knocking himself out!" . . .

**HANK MANKER**, "Barbecue Rib King," entertained the boys at his home Saturday afternoon. Guest list including **J. KANA**, **W. GEE**, **E. J. MINARD**, **ROY FORKNER**, **G. WILKINSON**, **D. BRICE**, **E. MAXCEY**, **D. PROUL**, and **L. GREENFIELD**. Not poker, not dice—but a DART game put "WILKIE" \$10 ahead and left all other contestants with a "broken arm!" Good time had by all . . .

Those hand-crocheted earrings are really THE fad about Plomb. Best modeled by **MRS. MARTHA BRANN**, Kana's secretary! . . .

Who's the "joker" on the mills (wayyy back) that kept tally, inning by inning of the Series; scoreboard and all posted for the benefit of the boys who couldn't get to a radio! Nice work, fella! . . .

A bunch of the gals from the stockroom are having a Spaghetti Feed at **ELEANOR THOMPSON'S**, Saturday p.m. Bowling social following. Expected to be in attendance are "GABBY" **YOUNG**, **MARY NOVIKOFF**, **RUTH SETTLE**, **MARY QUICK**, **JO FINNIE**, "TAGGIE" **COATE**, **PEARL TYLER**, **ANITA HALLMARK**, and **JEAN CHAMBERLAIN**. Oh yes, we can't forget yours truly!

Lucille Bozajian



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.

Norma Hogan

We are very happy to report that **PATTY GELDERMANN** has received a letter from her husband **KENNY**. He is still a prisoner in Germany and though he has a broken leg he seems to be in good spirits. This is the first word she has received from him since the 14th when he was reported being a prisoner.

**RELAYED NEWS ITEM: IRMA** had a birthday and the girls in her department gave her a card shower. After work they went to the Biltmore coffee shop for dinner. Jean Frey, formerly in the Mail Room, joined them for the evening.

**NOTICE TO THOSE MAILING CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO SERVICE MEN OVER-SEAS.**

The final mailing date is October 15th. That is Sunday and gives you only two more days to get your packages ready. Remember to pack them well, and address them legibly to insure prompt delivery.

## METALLURGICAL DEPT.

Some Comments by  
John Tunnell, Heat Treat Dept.



JOHN TUNNELL

Whether this has been in the news before, I do not know. However, we wish to report that the new equipment, work tables, tool boards, etc. have greatly improved the working conditions in the department and, incidentally, have been a boost to morale.

**"WHY DOES STEEL HARDEN?"** will be the subject of Mr. E. R. Mertz' address at the Monday, Oct. 16, 1944, meeting of the American Society for Metals. Mr. Mertz is associated with the Lockheed Aircraft Company at Burbank, California. Further information may be obtained from W. J. Parsons, Sec.-Treas. of ASM Los Angeles Chapter, phone AN 21123.

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We welcome to our personnel MR. **GEORGE HOTZFELD** who has been

# PRESIDENT'S Editorial



## PROFIT SHARING FUND

by

M. B. P.

In last week's "Anvil Chorus" under the Personnel column, Sherman Miller had a good article, so good that I want to re-emphasize it.

His article pointed out that our Profit Sharing Fund was a real Profit Sharing Fund in which we had a substantial financial stake, and one which we had to work for to win.

I urge that all of you refer to your Plomb Handbook and re-read pages 35 to 38 in which is offered you, all of you who have been here over two years, or more, a participation in profits, ranging up to 15% of your salary, **providing the Company makes money.**

In these war-time years any company can make money without half trying.

In the years to come only the capable, the energetic and the intelligent are going to make money. If we don't make it there'll be no Profit Sharing Fund, and a 15% participation beyond your wages through that fund can just flutter out the window.

There'll be more about this next year. What Sherman Miller plainly meant to say is, that if the Company is run economically, if costs are kept down, and profits result, then, through this means we can participate in those profits, ranging up to the extent of 15% of our compensation. Another way to put it means that we can take proportionately more money out of the Company through our Profit Sharing Fund, as a bonus, than the stockholders will take out in dividends.

We are already well paid by comparative standards of other companies and other members of the industry, yet on top of it, your Board of Directors have in effect said "If you folks who are now well paid, can produce results we will reward you through the Profit Sharing Fund".

## ORDER AND INVENTORY SWING SHIFT

Rose Brannen, Supervisor

We enjoyed having **BILLIE SUTHERIN** with us on the swing shift for a couple of days last week. We sort of missed her when her work called her on days a few months back, and it seemed like old times while she was with us again.

**MOLLE MANSFIELD** was the first of our "Secret Pals" to receive a gift from her pal. (Who is **my** secret pal — does anybody know? I can't wait a whole year to find out — woman's curiosity, I guess.)

**JEAN WOODS** is back with us after a slight illness. We really miss any member of our group when there is an absence.

This will have to do for now, good people. Maybe more next time. 'Bye 'til next time then.

JO DANLEY.

transferred to the Heat Treat Department.

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**MR. F. J. ROBBINS**, Director of our Metallurgical Department, will attend the National Metal Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 16 to Oct. 20, 1944, inclusive. His itinerary will include a visit to the Plomb plant at Chicago and the P & C plant at Portland.

## BILLING DEPT. NEWS

The girls of the Billing Dept. are sorry to see **WINONA KUBLICK** leave us for a short while. Her sense of humor and good word will be missed by all. Best of luck to you kid, we all will be pulling for you on the day you enter the hospital. Hurry and get well.

What certain small dark girl in our department turned out to be quite a jitterbug? (**RAE NASSUR**).

Girls, that handsome sailor that **LOIS** was showing around happens to be her brother. (Girls—he is married).

HELEN MENDELOFF.



Franklin

"Las' night I dreamt there was a new kinda sandwich . . ."



## AS LONG AS THERE'S A JOB TO DO HE'LL BE ON THE JOB

Since the start of the War, we have had several distinguished visitors in our plant—people who have really had an opportunity to learn what War is. On Wednesday, September 27, we had with us **1st Lt. RALPH P. EDWARDS**, who is **JACK BERNARD'S** brother-in-law.

Lt. Edwards has recently returned from England, after having been first pilot on a B-24 Liberator Bomber over France and Germany. During that time he was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, and four Oak-leaf Clusters. A Presidential Citation was awarded to him and his crew on the day of Invasion.

It would appear to us that Lt. Edwards had done his share, and should be willing to remain at home. In this he does not agree, but hopes that after a brief rest at home he will be transferred to a B-29 squadron, and for a change of scenery, drop a few calling cards on the little yellow guys.

Lt. Edwards has never had to punch a time clock during the war. His transportation to work has never been a problem—of course, he may have had to wonder occasionally how or if he was going to get home from work in time to hear a favorite program. Then, too, he has been cheated out of the opportunity of finishing an interrupted card game more than once because one of the players failed to show up. That, however, is all part of the game, and as mentioned before, Lt. Edwards is anxious to get back to it.

### ANNIVERSARY PINS

The following employees earned anniversary pins during the past two weeks:

#### Office—

EDWARD BESS .....	5 years
TRAVIS E. RASH .....	2 years
L. E. SOMERS .....	2 years

#### Factory—

CHARLES BERGGREN .....	19 years
EDWARD SMOLICH .....	6 years
FRANK FLAHERTY .....	4 years
JESSIE BEACH .....	3 years
DANIEL HARKEY .....	2 years
NATHAN JONAS .....	2 years
JOSE MONARREZ .....	2 years
ANDREW WOLD .....	2 years
LETTIE HUYLAR .....	2 years
JOSEPHINE McNICHOLS .....	2 years
VELMA NEAL .....	2 years
NORMA PROPPS .....	2 years

#### Salesman—

B. L. CLARK .....	7 years
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#### CHICAGO PLANT—

HENRY W. SLINING .....	8 years
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### LETTERS FROM PLOMB TOOLERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

**RAYMOND SAGARNAGA** — Private First Class writes that the Anvil Chorus is a life saver, particularly when he returned from several weeks fighting and found several copies waiting for him. He is hunting Japs in the Southern Pacific—and the hunting is good.

**JOHN LANZETTA**, who is in training at U. S. Naval Training Center, Farragut, Idaho, writes that he is soon to be transferred to parts unknown and meanwhile is enjoying the news about Plomb via the Anvil Chorus.

**ROBERT W. MCCOY** has just returned from overseas and says his whole company read the A.C. every week and got a kick out of it. He will visit the plant soon.

**WILLIAM A. WARD** aviation cadet was recently transferred to Merced for further training.

**ROBERT L. WATTS** with the Amphibious Forces somewhere in the South Pacific says he sees lots of Plomb Tools and to keep them coming.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE STAGED SUNDAY, OCT. 15

The following are the pairings for the first round matches of the Plomb Championship Golf Tournament at Rio Hondo Country Club Sunday, October 15, starting at 10 A.M.

#### Championship Flight MALMQUIST vs. MARSHALL

TAYLOR vs. WARING

STATZ vs. BYE

HAYS vs. McCAW

APEL vs. HAWLEY

WILBUR vs. BYE

MAHER vs. STURGES

HEINOLD vs. WILKINSON

#### First Flight

VAN KAMPEN vs. BROCKMAN

CARLSON vs. GRIM

LAUNCHBAUGH vs. BYE

ROBINSON vs. ROSENBERGER

FAIN vs. OVERIN

RYAN vs. BYE

STAHL vs. BESS

JOHNSON vs. STORTZ

The tournament will be on an elimination basis with four monthly rounds to determine the final winners.

The defending champs are **CARL MALMQUIST** and **AL HAWLEY**. Competition will be at handicap with handsome trophies to be awarded the winner and runner-up of each flight.

### NEWS FROM THE DIP ROOM

Jigger Statz—Foreman

**THE SWING SHIFT** welcomes **ALICE COCKRELL** into our gang.

**JUST IN CASE** you haven't noticed him, when you pass the Dip Room, our boss is **JIGGER STATZ**, ex-baseball champ and all 'round good fellow. Took to this job like a duck takes to water—and we all took to him.

All we hear at night is "**ERNIE**" — hollered continuously by the jeep drivers. Popular guy.

**HEY MAMA** don't you wish Papa was back? (You know who.)

—Ida Menefee

### SAFETY

#### (No. 15 in Series on Employee Dividends



Our desire is to provide a safe and healthful place in which to work. In order to bring forth the observance and viewpoint of the worker, the Company maintains a Workmen's Safety Committee representing all departments. This group meets regularly once a month to present and discuss suggestions for betterment of your working conditions. The members of this Committee wear distinctive badges and all employees are requested to report to them any unsafe conditions or practices. They will caution fellow workers, in a friendly way, when any dangerous action is observed and will assist new employees by explaining safe methods.

### YOU'D GIVE YOUR LAST DOLLAR TO HELP!

If someone asked you today for a dollar to help care for a child in Los Angeles Orphanage, you would give it. You would give it the day you were asked, even if it happened to be the last dollar you had in your pocket that day. There isn't a doubt **But you won't be asked.** Neither Los Angeles Orphanage, nor California Babies' Hospital, nor the YMCA, nor the YWCA, nor any of the other 95 Community Chest agencies will make a separate appeal to you.

They are all united in the **133 War Chest** agencies that ask you to **give.**

You will not be asked for money by United China Relief, Belgian War Relief, Philippine War Relief, Greek War Relief, United Yugoslav Relief Fund . . . or any of the other causes that enable us to share our plenty with our Allies who have lost their families, their homes, their crops, their clothing . . . everything but their lives.

Add the sums (dollars to some, pennies to others) you would give if each of the 133 agencies asked you individually, and give that total to the War Chest.

**YOUR WAR CHEST SERVES ON THREE FRONTS . . . YOU FIGHT BY GIVING!**